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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROAKI ISHII ET AL.) : Examiner: JB Dunham
Application No.: 09/779,643) : Art Unit: 3625
Filed: February 9, 2001) :
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING)
APPARATUS, INFORMATION :
PROCESSING METHOD,)
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM :
AND PROGRAM) March 23, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement made in the Office Action dated February 23, 2006, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to proceed initially with prosecution of Group I (Claims 1-3, 26, 32 and 38).

Early and favorable consideration of the elected Group on its merits is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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